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dents never received a fair chance to voice their opinions before the state board passed the fee.

"It's a prime example of students getting railroaded by not having a say," Wortman said.

But Tom Imeson, state board president, said the board was under the impression that the fee had been discussed with students and that there was an opportunity for them to get involved in the process, but "there was no response elicited from campus."

The University administration said it felt students were informed about the fee by an Oregon Daily Emerald story published last spring that covered the impending fee.

And although the 1997-98 ASUO Executive was staunchly against the fee last year, Buch said the University administration consulted officers about the issue. After talking with them, the administration decided that continuing and returning students would have to pay the fee to share the financial impact of this change during the two-year phase in period, he said.

"[The ASUO's] contention was that if we just instituted the new fee, all the returning students in 1998-99 would be getting off without having to pay anything," Buch said. "We felt it was fairer this way to do a phase-in approach, rather than just putting it all on new students."

A growing trend

The University joined four of the other six state public universities when it added its matriculation fee.

"It's unpopular to continue raising the instruction fee, so I think that the University of Oregon and other universities in the system are finding a way to sneak around that

unpopular way of raising tuition by finding all these fees," Koch said.

But Imeson said that wasn't the reason the state board passed it. He said it was more about combining, rather than increasing, fees.

"I think the board's view was that it ought to make life much easier for everyone involved," he said.

Oregon State University added a matriculation fee about four years ago to pay for its new student orientation program, OSU accounting manager Dennis Lemon said.

Like the University, OSU also mandates that all student pay the \$75 fee, regardless of whether they use the services.

But unlike the University, no other fees are combined in the matriculation fee. Oregon State still charges \$5 for transcripts and \$10 for dropping classes, but it does not charge for adding classes.

Lemon said he has never received any complaints from students who don't use the orientation program and don't want to pay the fee. He said he felt one of the main motives of the fee was to get more participants in the orientation program.

"If they are not charged a user fee, it would encourage more people to participate in it," he said, adding that last summer 75 percent of new students attended the orientation.

Looking ahead

Wortman said because the ASUO is against the fee, the group is planning to do an educational campaign about the issue, though she would not elaborate on the group's plans.

"We can't change what happened, but we can definitely raise some awareness," she said.

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Koch said while he hopes students financially benefit from the

fee, he is skeptical that a large number of them actually will.

"I would question the existence of those nickel and dimes fees in first place, so adding another fee to get rid of them I don't think is the way to go," he said. But while Imeson said the board

But while Imeson said the board approved it because it felt the fee would be less bureaucratic and cost students less money over time, he did contend that, "It's something like all else that bears watching over time, to make sure it's fair and works the way it ought to work."

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